

and the Prince Hall Freemasons. Edward Augustine is interred in Historic Woodlawn Cemetery in Southeast Washington, DC.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring Edward Augustine Savoy on the 70th anniversary of his death and for his tireless work as a public servant. His life and public service are steeped in America's History and deserve to be remembered.

CELEBRATION OF WORLD AIDS DAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of World AIDS Day which we celebrated on Sunday, December 1. Each year since 1988, we commemorate those who have died and show our support for those living with HIV.

While numerous scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, World AIDS Day reminds us that HIV is still destructive and that there is no cure. There is still a critical need for funding, research, and education in our country and abroad.

The passage of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief and Stewardship and Oversight Act (PEPFAR) is encouraging because of the necessity of an international response to the ongoing HIV/AIDS pandemic. Eleven years ago, I initiated the first round of PEPFAR talks with President George W. Bush while I was the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

As we embark on another reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act, it is imperative that we remain diligent in the battle against AIDS. I will continue to do what is necessary to engage in this fight to promote public health around the world. I urge my colleagues to fight this battle and to join me as we recognize World AIDS Day.

RETIREMENT OF CHP OFFICER RUDY CONTRERAS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Rudy Xavier Contreras, Jr., who is retiring this December after 30 years of law enforcement service with the California Highway Patrol.

After graduating from the CHP Academy in West Sacramento on December 22, 1983, Officer Contreras served with the CHP across the State of California, including many years in the Solano and Woodland areas. He handled a variety of assignments throughout his career, with assignments ranging from Field Training Officer to Officer in Charge. During Officer Contreras' assignment to Dignitary Protection, he served a distinguished term as my security officer when I was California's Insurance Commissioner and Lieutenant Governor. He was also the primary officer assigned to Lieutenant Governor Abel Maldonado and State Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones.

Officer Contreras was a loyal representative of the law enforcement community and admired for his hard work, dedication, and positive work ethic. He has become a dear friend and I thank him for his service.

SALUTE TO CHIEF DOUGLAS MULDOON

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the service of Palm Bay Police Chief Douglas Muldoon. Chief Muldoon has dedicated the last 36 years of his life to making our community a safer place to raise our children and pursue our dreams. Throughout 2013, he has served as the National President of the FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA).

Chief Muldoon began his career in local law enforcement in 1976 as an officer with the Palm Bay Police Department. He spent a large part of his career working as a local liaison to the FBI, having graduated from the FBI National Academy. The National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders with rigorous training in the latest innovative techniques of law enforcement.

In 1998, Chief Muldoon served as the President of the Florida Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates and, for the past year, he has served as President of the FBI National Academy Associates. His experience, training, and dedication to law enforcement have greatly enhanced the Palm Bay Police Department.

Our city is blessed to have someone who has taken such an active role in serving our community and our nation, and I am proud of his commitment to making Palm Bay a safer place to live.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2013 UPPER DARBY HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TEAM ON WINNING VARSITY BRANDS' NATIONAL SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Upper Darby High School cheerleading team on winning the 2013 Varsity Brands' National School Spirit Day. The Upper Darby Cheerleaders collected hats, gloves and other warm clothing items for survivors of domestic violence throughout the month of October.

Varsity Brands' National School Spirit Day began in 2009 as a way to honor the efforts of cheerleaders and dancers around the country who are making a difference in their schools and communities. Over the past five years, cheerleaders and dancers have pledged more than 500,000 community service hours as a part of National School Spirit Day.

The Upper Darby High School Royals won first place in this nationwide contest. As Octo-

ber is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Royals honored survivors with their warm clothing drive. The Upper Darby Police Department learned what the cheer squad was doing and decided to join in the effort. During a home football game, the Chief of Police joined the Upper Darby High School cheerleaders in presenting the warm clothing items to women and children. By the end of October, the Upper Darby Community had helped the cheerleaders donate more than 1,000 items of warm clothing.

Congratulations to the Upper Darby High School Royals on their first place finish in the 2013 Varsity Brands' National School Spirit Day, an honor that recognizes the cheerleaders' great leadership, community service and compassion.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARS INCORPORATED FACILITY IN GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Mars, Incorporated manufacturing facility in Greenville, Mississippi—an important institution in our community since its opening in 1978.

Mars, Incorporated is a family-owned, American company that started when Frank C. Mars made the first Mars candies in his kitchen in 1911. Today, Mars is a global company that employs more than 72,000 Associates worldwide with more than one third of them being employed here in the United States. The company's investment in its Associates has earned it a place on Fortune magazine's list of "100 Best Companies to Work For."

At the Greenville facility, Mars Food North America makes products bearing some of America's favorite brands, including Uncle Ben's®, which is the number one rice brand in the United States. Our Greenville facility also makes products for the Seeds of Change® brand, which makes organically grown seeds and Organic Food products. I'm proud to congratulate Seeds of Change® on winning a 2013 Vegetarian Times Foodie Award.

Mars' Greenville facility has played a significant role in the health of our local economy. Over 160 people work in the facility, which originally opened with just 5 packaging lines and 1 processing line. The facility has repeatedly expanded to house additional lines and manufacturing areas, and Mars continues to invest in our economy as it completes a \$42 million multi-year investment in the facility.

I am thankful that Mars' investments and longstanding relationship with our community extend beyond the facility. Mars supports Greenville public schools through its Blessings in a Backpack program, and worked to help improve the local Boys and Girls Clubs in the region. Mars Food has also done its part to encourage healthy cooking and eating from a young age by having the Uncle Ben's® brand launch its nationwide Ben's Beginners™ Cooking Contest.

This Friday, I will be honored to join state and local officials in Greenville to commemorate this longstanding relationship through a